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INTRODUCTORY REMARKS.

In view of the great need of more light relative to the work of the Baptist denomination, and in view of the fact that the rising generation, and also a great many of the old, know but little about the great work performed within the last twenty-five years, the writer of this work has undertaken to sum up, as in a nutshell, the work of one-fourth of a century of the Cedar Creek Association. The correctness of this work depends upon the correctness of the Minutes of the Association. The writer's object will be to show what has been done and by whom the work was performed. It may seem to the unthoughtful, in viewing this little work, that it was a small undertaking, but the reader should remember that the writer has had to search over a period of twenty-six years for what is contained in it, and in order to put it within the reach of as near every one as possible the writer has endeavored to make the work short and

at the same time a complete history of what has been done.

It is a fact that thoughts of the past bring to our memory sweet visions of solemnity. So, in viewing this little work, as our minds run, and as we turn from page to page and our eyes fall upon names, thoughts are suggested that cause our hearts to burn within us.

By reading this work fathers and mothers find the names of honored sons that make glad their aged hearts. The eyes of widows now and then fall on the names of those who once were the joy of their lives, but who have been removed to the land of Spirits and are now waiting to be again united in everlasting happiness, where the sharp sickle that separated them here and covered that once happy home with a deathly gloom shall never be able to enter. The eyes of children discover the names of fathers and grandfathers, who, beneath snow-covered heads, bore the banner of Christ until their tottering feet ceased to move and they were laid beneath the cold sod, or the names of those who are in the evening of their days and whose feet are wet with the

dews on Jordan's bank, just waiting to be called away. We further see the names of christian workers, by whose faithful efforts we have been brought to Christ. And as we gaze upon the scene which this little book brings before us, our thoughts turn to the sweet bye-and-bye when all those sainted ones we will meet far above the sky, and we feel inclined to soar away and be at rest.

ORGANIZATION.

The Association was organized at Cedar Creek Church in Cumberland County, N. C., where it held its first meeting November 26th, 27th and 28th, 1858.

The Association was organized with ten churches, the names of which will appear elsewhere, by a Presbytery consisting of Elders James McDaniel and Hugh McAlpin. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder Hugh McAlpin from Romans 10th chapter and 10th verse, after which Elder A. B. Alderman was elected Moderator, Brother A. A. McAskill Clerk, and Brother A. Melvin Treasurer, when the Association proceeded to organize under the Constitution and Rules of Order, which may be seen by reference to the minutes of the Association.

Churches and Pastors when Organized.

Cape Fear, H. McAlpin.
Magnolia, A. Hall.
Rockfish, P. C. Conoley.
Piney Grove, A. Hall.

Cedar Creek, E. D. Johnson.
 Spring Branch, R. Fisher.
 Baptist Chapel, R. Fisher.
 Green Springs, J. Cashwell.
 Providence, J. Monroe.

***Churches Received since Organiza-
 tion.***

Bladen Union, Beaver Creek, Kingsbury, Zion's Tabernacle, Cypress Creek, Fayetteville, Salem, Pleasant Union, Piney Green, Brier Branch, Beaver Dam, Corinth, Berea, Clybons, Shiloh, Antioch, Cameron's Grove, Mount Elam, Smith's Chapel, Judson, Great Marsh, Mount Olive, Lilly's Grove, White Lake, Mount Pisgah, Mount Pleasant, Long Branch, White Oak, (Bladen County), Union Springs, Ephesus, Sharon, Sugg's Grove, Saddle Tree, Lebanon, Manchester, Cedar Falls, Mount Tabor, Rocky Mount, Cumberland Union, Kate's Chapel, Jackson's Swamp, White Oak, (Sampson County).

The writer cannot give the exact number of churches which have been built up by the Association, but from the best information he has there have been between twenty and twenty-five.

Churches Dismissed to Assist Other Associations.

Cape Fear, Spring Branch, Magnolia, Baptist Chapel, Providence, Salem, Piney Green, Zion's Tabernacle, Pleasant Union, Clybon's, Cameron's Grove, Smith's Chapel, Lilly's Grove, Long Branch, Pine Grove, Ephesus, Antioch, Mount Elam, Mount Pleasant, Saddle Tree, White Oak, (Sampson County).

The reader will observe that the churches dismissed and those now in the Association are not as many as those received. The reason for the decrease in numbers is because some few have become extinct and others have changed their names when rebuilt.

Ministers who have been Members of this Association.

J. McDaniel, A. Hall, E. D. Johnson, J. T. Honrine, N. B. Cobb, W. M. Brunt, B. F. Jessup, J. M. Willoughby, C. S. Cashwell, J. H. Cobb, D. S. Bullard, J. M. Beasley, R. Fisher, J. Cashwell, A. B. Alderman, H. A. Brown, W. C. West, L. Bryan, W. R. Johnson, A. R. Pittman, E. J. Edwards, W. S. Melvin, R. Newton, F. Prevatt, W.

W. Willis, N. Mercer, T. J. Baker, E. Martin, E. Davis, W. H. Howard, J. Hardwick, S. Williford, W. M. Page, J. G. Fisher, F. W. Eason, T. W. Ebeltoft, J. B. Downing, I. T. Newton, C. E. Beard, T. Newberry, J. Smith, F. H. Ivey, J. T. Townsend, B. Jackson, D. A. Buie.

This list is as near perfect as the writer could make it, having had to correct it himself. Some of the names were left out of the original tables or list of ordained ministers.

Ministers Now Members of this Association.

J. M. Beasley, L. Bryan, F. W. Eason, W. S. Melvin, E. Johnson, W. M. Brunt, W. C. West, N. Mercer, J. B. Downing, D. S. Bullard, C. S. Cashwell, W. R. Johnson, J. G. Fisher, I. T. Newton, E. J. Edwards, T. Newberry.

By reference to the table showing the ministers who have been members of this body, we see at once that it has possessed some of the noblest ministers of the last twenty-six years, and from its ranks there have gone out into other fields some of its brightest and best talent, who are an honor to this body where ever they go. Some of

its noblest, brightest and best have been called to their reward and are doubtless waiting within the pearly gates to welcome those who in life they were instrumental in bringing to Christ, while a few remain to bear the banner and push on the Redeemer's Kingdom.

Moderators.

The following are the names of those who have been Moderators of the Association:

A. B. Alderman, N. B. Cobb, F. Prevatt, E. D. Johnson, J. M. Beasley, J. G. Fisher, I. Royal,

Clerks of the Association:

A. A. McCaskill, D. W. McGugan, R. McDaniel, F. M. Willis.

Churches with which the Association has met.

Cedar Creek, Baptist Chapel, Spring Branch, Beaver Dam, Brier Branch, White Oak (Bladen Co.); White Lake, Cumberland Union, Cape Fear, Salem, Piney Grove, White Oak (Sampson Co.), Mount Pisgah, Judson, Great Marsh, Providence.

This body has met with some of the churches several times.

Introductory Sermons.

The following are the names of those who preached the Introductory Sermons:

H. McAlpin, J. H. Cobb, W. H. Howard, J. Smith, B. F. Jessup, J. T. Townsend, R. Fisher, E. Dodson, J. M. Beasley, A. B. Alderman, E. D. Johnson, J. D. Hufham, W. C. West, C. S. Cashwell, J. G. Fisher, L. Bryan, D. S. Bullard.

Some of the above named have preached more than one Introductory Sermon.

Charity Sermons.

The following are the names of those who preached the Charity Sermons:

Jas. McDaniel, A. B. Alderman, J. M. Beasley, R. Newton, W. M. Brunt, J. B. Richardson, J. B. Hartwell, T. Harrison, A. R. Pittman, J. Monroe, E. Dodson, H. McAlpin, G. S. Best, J. D. Hufham, W. S. Melvin, N. B. Cobb, T. W. Ebeltoft, E. D. Johnson.

Some of these have preached at different times on the subject of Charity.

Delegates.

We now come to many precious names connected with this Association at various

times as representatives of the different churches:

J. T. Tolar,	H. T. Jackson,
I. N. Hollingsworth,	H. J. Lockamy,
T. W. Devane,	B. Jackson,
R. Fisher,	J. Wrench,
N. Wheeler,	J. Cashwell,
R. Faircloth,	J. N. Cashwell,
W. H. Melvin,	N. H. Jones,
H. Jones,	J. H. Cobb,
D. Fisher,	J. Lancaster,
J. Musslewhite,	A. McMillan,
W. H. Howard,	D. T. Hollingsworth,
J. W. Sandy,	J. L. Autry,
J. T. Hornrine,	A. Hall,
J. Guy,	A. McAveritt,
J. Jessup,	W. C. West,
A. Melvin,	W. Simons,
J. Thagard,	J. Taylor,
A. B. Alderman,	S. J. Guy,
S. D. Jackson,	D. L. Smith,
A. A. McCaskill,	W. Hollingsworth,
M. Strickland,	J. Beard,
E. Dees,	J. Jones,
D. A. Buie,	M. McK. Smith,
C. D. Nixon,	A. S. Smith,
D. Buie,	W. Butler,
J. McDaniel,	D. J. Davis,

J. M. Beasley,	W. Bryan,
S. Mims,	J. Gurley,
J. A. Beaman,	C. T. Guy,
W. Strickland,	S. G. Guy,
D. W. McGugan,	A. A. Melvin,
G. E. Cobb,	W. Giles,
W. S. Fisher,	W. Hawley,
J. A. Rozier,	W. Autry,
N. Mercer,	J. R. Cooper,
D. Allen,	J. C. Howard,
A. Carlisle,	E. Smith,
L. Humphrey,	O. Sessoms,
D. C. Humphrey,	A. McRae,
D. T. Averitt,	H. Canada,
A. Royal,	J. Humphrey,
A. Allen,	R. Riddle,
E. Davis,	J. S. Willis,
R. B. Rozier,	J. J. Jones,
J. S. Willis,	A. C. Smith,
H. T. Tolar,	D. Smith,
J. B. Smith,	C. D. Burke,
A. Smith,	U. Underwood,
N. Marsh,	W. Coleman,
J. Bryan,	J. West,
R. Powell,	J. Wood,
J. Tolar,	O. Jackson,
V. Downing,	J. Holley,
J. Bullard,	J. L. Butler,

R. McDaniel,	N. Cooper,
T. M. Howard,	A. M. Fisher,
L. Cooper,	O. Royal,
A. J. Cooper,	N. McLam,
W. M. Royals,	W. Naylor,
J. Taylor,	M. Ausley,
J. Nailor,	L. R. Hall,
H. B. Howard,	M. R. Smith,
W. M. Powell,	B. Smith,
E. Carlisle,	W. T. Jessup,
J. T. Beard,	J. H. Tatum,
J. Cain,	W. Downing,
J. Plummer,	N. Hall,
J. Thames,	A. McR. Averitt,
G. Faircloth,	B. F. Jessup,
E. W. Muslewhite,	J. Phillips,
W. S. Hair,	D. Shaw,
G. R. Thagard,	J. Page,
T. Smith,	W. C. Jackson,
J. Piner, .	G. W. Strickland,
J. D. Malloy,	D. Bedsole,
N. E. West,	M. Autry,
M. Howard,	N. Johnson,
D. Cooper,	J. Davis,
C. Sessoms,	W. Suggs,
E. Fisher,	J. H. Tatum,
W. W. Powell,	J. Downing,
S. Carlisle,	P. P. Rollins,

J. Smith,	E. J. Cain,
G. B. Melvin,	D. S. Tatum,
R. J. Fennel,	D. C. Shaw,
H. L. Hall,	J. Thames,
T. H. Massey,	W. D. Beard,
D. P. West,	L. R. Autry,
J. Holt,	M. J. Jones,
E. Dees,	D. L. Beard,
J. Hollingsworth,	P. Taylor,
D. Cooper,	J. A. R. Howard,
M. Howard,	T. Cooper,
W. J. Howard,	L. Farcloth,
L. D. Sessoms,	D. B. McGugan,
R. Draughon,	A. Odum,
J. Smith,	E. S. Davis,
J. M. Conalley,	M. Humphrey,
A. Biggs,	E. Beard,
J. M. Tolar,	J. M. Tolar,
A. S. Smith,	A. Jones,
E. Petterson,	J. Jones,
P. Smith,	R. Melvin,
D. Carter,	M. J. Jones,
I. Simmons,	J. H. Averitt,
M. Horn,	D. H. Calahan,
J. D. Beard,	D. Newton,
J. S. Beard,	J. C. Goodman,
J. Page,	J. Culbreth,
S. Crosland,	R. Butler,

S. Strickland,
 A. M. Autry,
 N. H. Jones,
 D. Hairell,
 I. S. Willis,
 J. M. Tolar,
 W. H. Downing,
 L. Carrol,
 A. McLemore,
 J. Horn,
 R. Newton,
 J. J. Newton,
 D. Kivett,
 W. H. Melvin,
 E. T. Kivett,
 S. Strickland,
 J. Daughtry,
 S. Starling,
 B. Williams,
 O. W. Council,
 E. D. Johnson,
 W. F. Beard,
 A. Core,
 D. D. Salmon,
 S. R. Cain,
 W. C. Fermage,
 V. B. Hair,
 D. J. Davis,

A. E. Hall,
 S. W. Cobb,
 J. T. Ausley,
 J. Humphrey,
 T. M. Smith,
 J. J. Bullard,
 M. Hall.
 S. Carter,
 F. Prevatt,
 F. A. Prevatt,
 W. B. Odum,
 J. Marsh,
 W. A. Melvin,
 T. Evans,
 B. Warren,
 J. A. McGugan,
 W. S. Johnson,
 S. Vinson,
 A. J. Morris,
 M. Willis,
 R. A. Melvin,
 G. T. Rolins,
 M. Morgan,
 S. R. Rainer,
 G. Newton,
 Z. B. Newton,
 A. Buie,
 N. H. Gibbs,

W. M. Brunt,
S. Page,
T. B. Strickland,
O. D. Strickland,
R. M. Crumpler,
E. Herring,
A. R. Crumpler,
J. G. Fisher,
J. A. Powell,
F. Davis,
P. Monroe,
C. H. Monroe,
H. W. Graham,
D. Clark,
A. S. Thagard,
W. A. Bryan,
J. S. Breece,
C. E. Beard,
J. W. Vickers.
W. H. Melvin,
S. Williford,
J. Fisher,
H. S. Spivey,
R. Honeycut,
I. Melvin,
I. McGhee,
W. J. Tolar,
D. Register,

H. R. Bennit,
W. A. Bagget,
G. M. D. Howard,
W. H. Fisher,
W. Lockamy,
L. Butler,
J. W. Bass,
D. Roberts,
E. F. Allen,
M. Cashwell,
M. J. Willoughby,
J. R. Tolar,
A. Thagard,
W. H. Tomlinson,
L. T. West,
H. J. Kivett,
J. Alderman,
H. L. Hall,
W. H. Melvin,
L. D. Sessoms,
D. W. Tew,
W. T. Jessup,
F. Tew,
J. Melvin,
R. M. Tolar,
D. M. Singletary,
C. S. Cashwell,
T. J. Tolar,

R. M. Kinlaw,
 I. J. Belch,
 S. R. Davis,
 J. F. Byrne,
 J. P. Gregory,
 H. Nunery,
 C. Hilliard,
 M. C. Sewel,
 H. Jones,
 N. Hall,
 W. W. Shepherd,
 W. J. Pope,
 W. E. Pridgeon,
 W. Stephens,
 M. Royal,
 S. H. Melvin,
 J. W. Autry,
 D. Culbreth,
 A. Downing,
 D. B. Melvin,
 D. M. Melvin,
 T. J. Baker,
 T. H. Hales,
 M. Hair,
 A. L. Evans,
 I. C. Melvin,
 W. B. Horne,
 J. Horne,

J. R. Mulford,
 R. Marshburn,
 J. Watson,
 M. Humphrey,
 R. E. Ellis,
 B. L. Smith,
 B. J. Davis,
 S. Sterling,
 D. K. Hall,
 C. R. Jones,
 M. T. Underwood,
 W. F. Sessoms,
 F. McDaniel,
 W. H. Wade,
 H. Williams,
 M. Hall,
 T. Teabout,
 H. H. Wood,
 J. A. Dawson,
 S. H. Mekin,
 W. B. Owen,
 W. Petterson,
 W. B. Owen,
 J. G. Melvin,
 E. Rich,
 H. L. Petterson,
 W. B. Baker,
 G. W. Thomas,

W. R. Royal,	Z. Horn,
S. A. Howard,	H. Cashwell,
L. Faircloth,	R. R. Bell,
W. M. Petterson, •	P. Melvin,
H. J. Hall,	A. R. Pittman,
D. S. Tatum,	N. J. McDuffie,
F. P. Register,	J. W. Harris,
W. J. Averitt,	C. D. Gilmore,
G. F. Melvin,	J. W. Fisher,
R. Smith,	M. H. Bullard,
R. B. Humphrey,	R. C. Rogers,
T. J. Smith,	L. W. Highsmith,
W. L. Nunley,	S. Norris,
C. Bourdeaux,	W. J. Sutton,
D. O. Smith,	A. Marsh,
J. A. Chason,	A. J. Guy,
T. Penfield,	J. P. West,
J. M. Johnson,	C. G. Everitt,
W. Graham,	D. B. Coleman,
J. A. McDonald,	E. C. Pope,
G. W. Starling,	J. Sessoms,
J. R. Buie,	D. K. Mints,
W. C. Parker,	T. W. Ebeltoft,
J. Rearidon,	T. Evans,
R. Howard,	S. H. Johnson,
Wm. McBuie,	G. Sutton,
M. Powers,	R. Brison,
A. J. Bullard,	E. S. Ausley,

E. M. Hall,	H. M. Pate,
P. P. Hall,	F. S. Averitt,
B. Downing,	W. J. McDonald,
W. J. Blackwell,	J. S. Beard,
J. W. Green,	H. L. Hall,
A. H. Tolar,	J. Howard,
N. Mercer,	G. S. Phillips,
L. C. Straughn,	H. H. Barnhill,
J. Vann,	J. Edge,
A. J. Pate,	B. F. Pittman,
E. J. Edwards,	J. W. King,
S. H. Johnson,	A. J. Watson,
D. L. Armstrong,	C. P. McGugan,
J. G. Laton,	S. B. Rozier,
S. Jones,	G. W. Jackson,
S. O. James,	R. D. Melvin,
F. P. Williford,	H. L. Hall,
C. T. Nixon,	J. Newton,
R. Howard,	A. H. Watson,
R. F. Peterson,	A. L. Jones,
H. W. Cain,	A. S. Smith,
J. H. Tatum,	R. T. Melvin,
F. M. Marshburn,	D. Tyson,
W. M. Monroe,	J. H. Lancaster,
J. A. Smith,	S. W. Rainer,
R. T. Sandy,	J. R. Rackley.

This list was found to be very hard to correct, but it is thought to be nearly ac-

curate in its present shape.

Visitors and Corresponding Messengers who have visited this Association.

J. McDaniel,	E. Weaver,
S. Mims,	J. J. Newton,
J. Downing,	G. S. Best,
J. M. Beasley,	J. L. Stewart,
D. T. Averitt,	L. Carrol,
H. McAlpin,	T. M. Hughes,
H. J. Hobbs,	R. M. Sessoms,
P. C. Conley,	K. Vann,
F. Prevatt,	A. S. C. Powell,
E. Dodson,	H. Herring,
W. B. Ballard,	Dr. Wingate,
B. Freman,	J. H. Mills,
J. Cashwell,	J. B. Highsmith,
E. D. Johnson,	J. C. Hiden,
J. Monroe,	J. L. Boykin,
B. F. Jessup,	J. D. Hufham,
W. S. Melvin,	J. Tyson,
N. B. Cobb,	I. Royal,
A. Brown,	H. S. Averitt,
N. Mercer,	G. S. Jones,
J. M. Stinson,	J. B. Richardson,
D. T. Averitt,	D. N. Gore,
E. Johnson,	C. C. Newton,

J. M. McGugan,	T. B. Newberry,
S. E. Ward,	R. H. Griffith,
W. J. Tolar,	L. R. Mills,
Č. T. Bailey,	J. B. Hartwell,
C. E. Taylor,	L. T. West,
H. J. Duncan,	G. W. Highsmith,
F. Prevatt,	C. S. Farris,
W. M. Brunt,	D. J. Davis,
J. N. Stallings,	J. B. Downing,
H. Hatcher,	F. A. Prevatt,
G. W. Jones,	T. H. Pritchard,
G. W. Lane,	J. C. Hines,
T. Harrison,	E. White,
J. T. Townsend,	E. Singletary,
D. Cashwell,	H. Herring,
N. R. Pittman,	E. Herring.

The reader will observe that a great many of those who were once visitors afterwards became members of this body. It is evident also, from the names of those who have visited this body, that it has been one of attraction and has been blest with the presence of some of the best talent of the land.

Writers.

The following have written at different times on various subjects :

R. Fisher,
 A. B. Alderman,
 T. W. Devane,
 J. H. Jones,
 D. W. McGugan,
 E. Dodson,
 J. McDaniel,
 J. F. Marsh,
 S. J. Guy,
 F. A. Prevatt,
 C. T. Bailey,
 M. McK. Smith,
 W. H. Tomlinson,
 P. P. Rollins,
 J. Thames,
 H. H. Ellis,
 H. S. Spivey,
 H. S. Averitt,
 J. Muslewhite,
 E. D. Johnson,
 H. A. Brown,
 C. S. Cashwell,
 I. McGhee,
 E. J. Edwards,
 T. Evans,
 D. B. Melvin,
 L. Bryan,
 I. T. Newton,

D. J. Averitt,
 J. M. Beasley,
 J. H. Cobb,
 J. T. Tolar,
 C. D. Nixon,
 R. McDaniel,
 L. Carrol,
 W. M. Brunt,
 C. E. Taylor,
 J. F. Byrne,
 I. Royal,
 J. D. Hufham,
 J. Alderman,
 J. Guy,
 P. Taylor,
 B. F. Jessup,
 J. T. Townsend,
 W. S. Melvin,
 F. M. Willis,
 L. R. Mills,
 C. D. Burk,
 H. L. Hall,
 J. G. Fisher,
 C. P. McGugan,
 D. N. Newton,
 L. Humphrey,
 W. J. Sutton,
 W. G. Draughon,

Bro. Skinner,	W. R. Johnson,
J. B. Downing,	A. R. Pittman,
D. S. Bullard,	C. S. Farris,
M. H. Bullard,	W. S. Johnson,
W. C. West,	R. M. Tolar,
C. D. Nixon,	D. W. Livingstone.

As some of the writers did not give their names with the reports it may be that some of their names are not in this work. The reader should remember, however, that this is the fault of the writer of the report and not the fault of the author of this work. Some of the writers on the different subjects have written a great many times, while in this, as in other parts of this work, the writer gives the name of a person only once.

Speakers.

The following are those who have spoken on different subjects:

E. Dodson,	H. Hatcher,
J. McDaniel,	A. R. Pittman,
J. M. Beasley,	E. D. Johnson,
R. McDaniel,	N. B. Cobb,
H. Hughes,	C. Martin,
P. Taylor,	R. M. Tolar,
B. F. Jessup,	D. Register,

J. H. Cobb,
 A. B. Alderman,
 J. H. Mills,
 L. Bryan,
 D. Cashwell,
 L. Humphrey,
 J. N. Stallings,
 J. G. Fisher,
 T. H. Pritchard,
 T. Harrison,
 W. H. Tomlinson,
 N. R. Pittman,
 A. A. McAskill,
 G. S. Best,
 Dr. Wingate,
 J. H. Mills,
 H. McAlpin,
 I. Hollingsworth,
 W. S. Fisher,
 L. Bryan,
 J. D. Hufham,
 J. T. Townsend,
 J. McGugan,
 W. J. Tolar,
 J. B. Richardson,
 C. T. Bailey,
 G. S. Jones,
 D. Register,

J. F. Byrne,
 R. Newton,
 D. T. Averitt,
 M. McK. Smith,
 J. H. Tatum,
 P. Taylor,
 W. R. Johnson,
 J. A. Smith,
 E. J. Edwards,
 W. C. West,
 T. W. Ebeltoft,
 C. S. Farris,
 W. W. Willis,
 A. S. Smith,
 C. P. McGugan,
 Z. B. Newton,
 C. S. Cashwell,
 D. N. Newton,
 W. M. Brunt,
 J. C. Hiden,
 H. S. Spivey,
 P. C. Conoley,
 W. M. Brunt,
 J. Monroe,
 C. E. Taylor,
 H. A. Brown,
 R. H. Griffith,
 T. W. Devane,

L. R. Mills,	J. Tyson,
I. Royal,	W. H. Tomlinson,
J. B. Hartwell,	W. C. West,
J. G. Fisher,	W. S. Fisher,
M. McK. Smith,	I. McGhee,

Some of the above named have spoken a great many times on the same subjects. The names of many of the speakers, as we are all aware, have been left out of the minutes, making it impossible for the writer to give the names of all, as he would like to do. The reader, either far or near, who is acquainted with the names of the speakers, is aware that there have been many stirring and able speeches made during the last twenty-five years within the bounds of the Association.

Subjects that have been Discussed.

Associational Missions, State Missions, Home Missions, Ministerial Support, Education, Foreign Missions, Temperance, Sabbath Schools, Periodicals, Obituaries.

Present Churches and Pastors.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.
Cedar Creek,	J. G. Fisher.

Judson,	D. S. Bullard.
Lebanon,	J. M. Beasley.
Mount Tabor,	S. C. Page.
Manchester,	E. J. Edwards.
Rocky Mount,	“ “
Fayetteville,	F. W. Eason.
Union Springs,	W. R. Johnson.
Rockfish,	“ “
Mount Pisgah,	E. J. Edwards.
Cumberland Union,	A. R. Pittman.
Beaver Dam,	W. M. Page.
Sharon,	J. B. Downing.
Corinth,	
Mount Pleasant,	J. O. Tew.
Smith's Chapel,	C. E. Beard.
Cypress Creek,	J. B. Downing.
Brier Branch,	D. S. Bullard.
White Lake,	J. B. Downing.
Pate's Chapel,	W. S. Melvin.
White Oak,	W. M. Brunt.
Shiloh,	W. S. Melvin.
Sugg's Grove,	D. S. Bullard.
Bladen Union,	J. G. Fisher.
Mount Olive,	W. S. Melvin.
Green Springs,	J. G. Fisher.
Great Marsh,	E. D. Johnson.
Jackson's Swamp,	N. Mercer.
Cedar Falls,	J. M. Beasley.

Since the last meeting of the Association a few changes have been made which we do not pretend to give in this work.

By reviewing the churches that composed this Association when organized, those that have been received and dismissed, and those that still remain, it is evident to any one of sound judgment that this has been a working body.

As before stated, the writer cannot tell just how many of the churches have been built up by this Association, but from the best information he has there have been between twenty and twenty-five. So the reader may see that when this body was organized it had extensive mission grounds within its bounds, and while it may not have done as much as some Associations for other objects, we have great reason to believe that, according to age and funds expended, it has outstripped any Association in the State in occupying its own grounds.

We find that there have been four thousand five hundred and forty-four persons baptized within the bounds of the Association since its organization.

We find it impossible to tell how much

has been paid out for various purposes, as some of the funds were forwarded direct to the different boards and did not come through the Association, but we can see that there has been a great deal expended. We estimate that there has been paid out by the Association between seventy-five and one hundred thousand dollars, church building not included.

The great work performed by this body should encourage the churches and members to do as Caleb said to the Israelites: Numbers 13th chapter and 30th verse:—
“Let us go up at once and possess it, for we are well able to overcome it.”

When we look back through this little work we see many precious names of those who have been active in the Lord's work and have done much towards supplying all the dark places of this Association with the light of eternal truth. But while much has been done, and nearly all our grounds have been occupied, still there are a few points where the doctrines of the bible, as we believe them, should have been preached, and there are a few churches that sometimes need help. May the efforts and successes of the past, so

wonderfully blessed by God, stimulate those who still survive to put forth greater energy than ever before—by increasing their contributions for the various objects now claiming the attention of our great and grand denomination, and on bended knees praying the Lord His work to bless in the language of Gibbons when he said:

Lord send thy word and let it fly
 Arm'd with thy spirit's power;
 Ten thousand shall confess its sway
 And bless the saving hour.

And then from our knees arise and sing
 with Kelley:

Yes, we trust the day is breaking,
 Joyful times are near at hand;
 God, the mighty God, is speaking
 By his word in every land.
 When he chooses
 Darkness flies at his command.

While the foe becomes more daring,
 While he enters like a flood;
 God the Saviour is preparing
 Means to spread his truth abroad.
 Every language
 Soon shall tell the love of God.

O 'tis pleasant, 'tis reviving
 To our hearts to hear each day
 Joyful news from far arising,
 How the gospel wins its way,

Those enlightning
Who in death and darkness lay.

God of Jacob, high and glorious,
Let thy people see thy hand;
Let the Gospel be victorious
Through the world in every land.
Then shall idols
Perish Lord at thy command.

Amen.





